(f) what decision has been taken thereof, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (f) After the loss of "Emperor Kanishka" (VT-EFO) in June, 1985 Air India decided to take necessary steps to acquire a B. 747 aircraft as replacement. The offer received included B. 747-200B, B. 747-SP and B. 747-200. These offers were evaluated by an Internal committee consisting of Shri V. R. Kulkarni, Shri P. D. Marathe, Mrs. A. Mascarenhas, Shri S. K. Datta and Shri H.C. Kapoor at various stages. The Committee suggested that the aircraft should be powered by JT9D-7Q|7J engines, the maximum take-off weight of the aircraft should be 800,000 lbs. and the galley cockpit lay out should be standardised with the rest of the fleet etc.. Air India finally decided to acquire B. 747-200 aircraft from Messrs Singapore Airlines.

Scrutiny of Marks of Students of All India and Delhi Board Examinations

506. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of students of classes X and XII of the All India and Delhi Board Examinations have filed applications for scrutiny of marks this year;

(b) if so, the total number of such students and in how many cases the results were found faulty; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A total of 8936 applications were received for re-checking of marks dary|Secondary and Delhi Senior Seondary|Secondary Examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education in 1987. Out of these applications, 8100 cases have been disposed of and 375 mistakes have been detected.

(c) The reasons for these mistakes were:

(i) Wrong totalling of marks by the examiners.

(ii) Wrong posting of marks from answer scripts to the award lists.

(iii) Small parts of answers left unassessed.

Committees in State to boost Family Planning Programme

507. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the centre has directed to the State Governments to constitute high power committees in their respective states to boost the family planning programmes in the States;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments in this regard, and

(c) the details of the States which have constituted high power committees and to what extent the target of family planning is likely to be achieved by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) To boost the family welfare programme, the State Governments|U.T. Administration have been requested to constitute Cabinet Committees, Core Groups and State level Popular Committees under the chairmanship of their respective Chief Ministers |Lieutenent Governors. The following States|UTs have reported setting up of one or more of these high power committees:

1. Andhra Pradesh

3. Gujarat
4. Haryana
5. Karnataka
6. Kerala
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Maharashtra
9. Manipur
10. Punjab
11. Rajasthan
12. Sikkim
13. Tamil Nadu
14. Tripura
15. Uttar Pradesh
16. West Bengal
17. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
18. Chandigarh
19. Delhi
20. Goa
21. Mizoram.

Setting up up of such Committees is a part of the overall strategy of the Government to achieve the long-term demographicegoals of reaching N_e Reproduction Rate of Unity by 2000 A.D. With a birth rate of 21, death rate of 9, infant mortality rate below 60 per thousand live births and effective couple protection rate of 60 per cent as laid down in the National Health Policy.

Tourist with AIDS Infection

508. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreigners visiting India have been found indications of AIDS infection during the last 4 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have taken any stricter checks to prevent spread of AIDS in India; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, the incidence is low. During the last 4 months, only the foreigners have been detected to have HIV infection. Of these five are asymptomatic and one prisioner in Ajmer Jail has symptoms of AIDS disease.

(b) and (c) With a view to preventing the speard of infection, all foreigners (other than those working in missions) and foreign students likely to stay in India for more than one year will be required to undergo AIDS test on arrival. However, foreign students who are already in India when admission is sought will not be liable for AIDS test.

.... **Taskforce on AIDS**

509. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to set up taskforce on AIDS;

(b) if so, by when he proposed taskforce is likely to be set up; and

(c) the extent to which the disease is likely to be brought under control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) There is already a National Task Force functioning under Indian Council of Medical Research since October, 1985.

(c) All efforts are made to keep the spread of infection under control. So far, there has not been a single case of full blown AIDS infection in India. All 13 cases detected so far, occurred in foreigners or Indian nationals who had been infected abroad. The following steps are being taken by the Government:—

(1) A cell has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services